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SUBJECT: SELCTION OF CONSULTANTS AND ADVANCE ACTION FOR PRE-
QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PORT QASIM PROJECT (PAKISTAN)

REF: (A) MANILA 1554, (B) STATE 028347, (C) MANILA 2109,
(D) MANILA 2483

1. ADB PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS THAT BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCUR
IN REQUEST OF GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN AND PORT QASIM AUTHORITY
(PQA) (A) TO PERMIT PQA TO INVITE CONSULTANTS WHO MADE
DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGN AND PREPARED TENDER DOCUMENTS
FOR PROJECT, TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR SUPERVISION OF DREDGING
AND RELATED WORKS AND IF ACCEPTABLE TO BANK AND PQA TO ENTER
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND (B) TO PERMIT PQA TO PREQUALIFY
CONTRACTORS FOR DREDGING AND RELATED WORKS PRIOR TO BOARD
CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT WITHOUT COMMITMENT OF BANK AND
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PROVIDED THAT FINAL CONTRACT WILL NOT BE CONCLUDED

UNTIL BANK APPROVAL OF PROPOSED LOAN IS OBTAINED.
IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS BY COB 20 AUGUST 1976
FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ADB PRESIDENT RECOMMENDATIONS
WILL BE DEEMED APPROVED AND WILL BE RECORDED IN BOARD
MINUTES. USADB DOES NOT PLAN TO OBJECT.

2. PROPOSED QASIM PORT PROJECT, AS DISCUSSED REFTELS,
IS TO DEVELOP PAKISTAN'S SECOND SEAPORT TO COPE WITH
GROWING SEABORNE BULK TRANSPORT DEMANDS AND TO RELIEVE
CONGESTION IN KARACHI PORT. PLANS FOR PHASE I
DEVELOPMENT OF PORT QASIM NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY
BY GOP PROVIDE FOR THE FOLLOWING: (A) SEVEN SEMI-BULK
WHARVES (FOR 25,000 DWT); (B) ONE IRON ORE AND COAL
BERTH (FOR 75,000 DWT); (C) DREDGING OF CHANNELS
(50,000 DWT FOR INNER CHANNEL AND 25,000 DWT FOR APPROACH
CHANNEL); AND (D) NECESSARY ANCILLARY FACILITIES,
FLOATING CRAFT, CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT, NAVIGATION
AIDS, AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES (INCLUDING SERVICES
FOR PHASE II DEVELOPMENTS). IRON ORE AND COAL TERMINAL
TOGETHER WITH RELATED DREDGING WORKS CONSTITUTE MAJOR
COMPONENTS OF PROJECT WHICH WILL BE USED PRIMARILY TO
SERVE KARACHI STEEL MILL NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT PIPRI.

3. ALTHOUGH TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST OF PHASE I IS
ESTIMATED AT ABOUT US\$220 MILLION, OF WHICH FOREIGN
EXCHANGE COMPONENT WOULD BE US\$118 MILLION, BANK HAS BEEN
REQUESTED TO CONSIDER FINANCING OF ABOUT \$48.6 MILLION
FOREX COST OF FOLLOWING PHASE I COMPONENTS:

(A) DREDGING WORKS (APPROACH CHANNEL, INNER CHANNEL
AND BERTH DREDGING);

(B) VISUAL NAVIGATION AIDS AND INSTALLATION OF
DECCA SEA-FIX SYSTEM;

(C) CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO (A) AND (B)
ABOVE, AND

(D) CONSTRUCTION OF THREE SEMI-BULK WHARVES.

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4. FINANCING FOR REMAINING COMPONENTS OF THE PROJECT
WILL BE PROVIDED BY BILATERAL AID PROGRAMS OF BELGIUM,
FRANCE, U.S., GERMANY, CANADA AND BULGARIA.

5. TO MEET PROPOSED TARGET DATES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
THE FOUR SEMI-BULK WHARVES, AND THE IRON ORE AND COAL
TERMINALS, DREDGING OF TWO MAIN CHANNELS, PROPOSED
FOR BANK FINANCING, MUST BE STARTED AFTER TERMINATION

OF THE 1977 MONSOON SEASON, I.E., BY SEPTEMBER 1977.
TO MEET THIS DATE, IN TURN, ALLOWING SIX MONTHS FOR
TENDER PROCEDURES, TENDERS WOULD HAVE TO BE ISSUED
IMMEDIATELY UPON BOARD APPROVAL OF THE LOAN. ADB
PROPOSES TO CONCUR IN GOP/PQA REQUEST (A) TO RETAIN
PACIFIC CONSULTANT INTERNATIONAL (JAPANESE) IN ASSOCI-
ATION WITH CENTRAL CONSULTANTS (JAPANESE), WHO HAVE
ALREADY DONE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE PROJECT
(FINANCED BY BILATERAL AID FROM JAPAN), TO SUBMIT
PROPOSAL FOR SUPERVISION OF DREDGING AND RELATED WORKS
AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, AND (B) TO
PREQUALIFY CONTRACTORS FOR DREDGING AND RELATED WORKS
AS AN ADVANCE ACTION PRIOR TO BOARD CONSIDERATION OF
THE PROJECT. THE BANK'S APPRAISAL MISSION IS
SATISFIED WITH THE CONSULTANTS' WORK TO DATE AND CONSIDERS
THEM TO BE WELL QUALIFIED TO UNDERTAKE THE PROJECT.

6. ADB DOC. R86-76 ON ABOVE SUBJECT WAS POUCHED
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